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			employees' unions and also watching reorganization in other States.
7.	Meghalaya	09-06-2007	The consultant, Power Finance Corporation has given its report on corporatization of Meghalaya SEB. An Empowered Committee constituted by State Cabinet was last reported to be examining the report. State has assured to complete reorganization process in due course.
8.	Himachal Pradesh	09-06-2007	State has engaged Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) as consultant to advise on suitable model for restructuring.

Note: Assam has already separated generation, transmission and distribution from the Assam SEB and agreement of the Central Government has been obtained for ASEB continuing only as trading licensee for a period up to 9-6-2007.

Power situation in Rajasthan

*544. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether power shortage is hampering industrial and agricultural growth in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the total demand and supply of power in rural/urban/tribal/hilly/desert areas of Rajasthan, during the last three years, year-wise and sector-wise (industrial, agricultural, commercial and domestic etc.);

(c) the power scenario, at present in Rajasthan;

(d) the measures initiated/contemplated to meet power shortage;

(e) the financial allocations made for the purpose by the Centre;

(f) whether any proposals from Rajasthan regarding power generation are pending with the Centre; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Rajasthan State has been experiencing shortage of power. The shortages vary from season to season, month-to-month as well as time of the day depending on the demand and availability of power. In order to optimize utilization of available power, the State Government/State Power Utilities regulate supply of power to their consumers by imposing power cuts/restrictions and resort to load shedding from time to time depending upon availability and requirement of power. The supply and distribution of electricity to the ultimate consumers including industrial, agricultural and other sectors in a State is the responsibility of the concerned State Government/State power utility, which decides priority of power supply to various categories of consumers/areas in the State. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government in generation of power by setting up power plants and establishment of bulk high voltage transmission through Central Public Sector Undertakings in Central Sector.

The power supply position in Rajasthan during last three years is given below:

	Energy				Peak			
Year	Requirement	Availability	Shortage		Demand	Availability	Shortage	
	(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(%)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(%)
2004-05	29207	28974	233	0.8	4786	4414	372	7.8
2005-06	32052	30879	1173	3.7	5588	4850	738	13.2
2006-07	33236	31715	1521	4.6	5794	4946	848	14.6

(c) Rajasthan faced marginal energy and peaking shortages during the month of April, 2007, as given below:

Energy				Peak			
Requirement	Availability	Shortage		Demand	Availability	Shotage	
(MU)	(MU)	(MU)	(%)	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	(%)
2748	2744	4.0	0.1	4506	4353	153	3.4

(d) The following measures have been taken to meet power shortages in Rajasthan:

- The State has been allocated 1936 MW to 2108 MW of firm power from central generating stations in the Northern Region, power from the Eastern Region in lieu of Tala power as well as unallocated power from Central Generating Stations (CGSs) in Northern Region and Eastern Region during different time slots of the day.
- In the Eleventh Plan, 1790 MW capacity is proposed to be added in the State sector. In addition, the State will have share in the central sector projects programmed to be commissioned during the Eleventh Plan subject to signing of power purchase agreement.

(e) For mitigating power shortages, capacity addition is mainly required in the State sector keeping in view the growth in demand for power in the State. Ministry of Power does not provide any direct assistance for State sector power generation projects. However, Power Finance Corporation has sanctioned loan aggregating to Rs. 4109 crores and disbursed Rs. 1149 crores for generation projects in Rajasthan during the last 3 years.

(f) and (g) In terms of the Electricity Act, 2003, techno-economic clearance (TEC) of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is not required for thermal power projects. Any generating company can set up thermal power plants if it complies with the technical standards relating to connectivity with grid. No proposals regarding hydro-electric power projects in respect of Rajasthan State are pending in CEA for techno-economic concurrence.

Setting up of High Court Bench at Dharamsala

*545. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from State Government of Himachal Pradesh to establish a Bench of High Court of Himachal Pradesh at Dharamsala;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and